

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending. Claims 3-12 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 is allowed and Claim 2 is rejected.

Claim 2 has been amended to replace the phrase "the preferred range of the ingredients of the oil is as under" with the term "comprising." Support for these amendments may be found in the Examples section at page 10, lines 11-19.

Claim 3 has been amended to indicate that the oil extracted from the seeds are that of claim 1. Support may be found throughout the specification, and specifically at page 5, ln. 13 through page 6, ln. 12.

Claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 1 or 2 as suggested by the Examiner in order to place the claim in proper format for rejoinder.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Amendments clarify the claims and place them in better format for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of objections to the claims.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application claiming the subject matter of the non-elected claims which divisional application claims priority to the present invention.

Applicants acknowledge that the drawings have been accepted by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and consideration of withdrawn claims 3-12 pursuant to MPEP 821.04. These claims depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed claim 1. Applicant asserts that claims 3-7 relate to an oil composition comprising oil extracted from the seeds of *Momordica charantia* L. of claim 1 and other oils. Claims 8-11 relate to a process of oil extraction from *Momordica charantia* L. seeds.

Claim 12 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 1 or 2, and as suggested by the Examiner, upon amendment, would be rejoined and allowable. However, in the event that the Examiner allows the rejoinder of claims 3-11, applicants would appreciate the opportunity to amend claim 12 to depend from claims 1 to 7. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal and reconsideration of the requirement for restriction between the product and process claims, and all claims which depend from or include all of the limitations of the allowed claim 1.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and claims 3-12 be rejoined to claims 1 and 2. Applicants acknowledge allowance of claim 1. Allowance of claims 2-12 is respectfully requested.

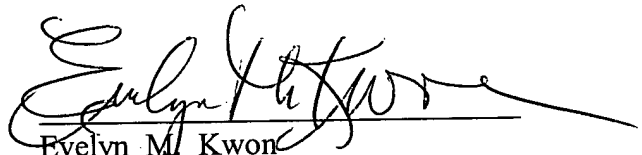
AUTHORIZATION

No fees are believed necessary in connection with this response. While applicant believes no extension of time to be necessary for this Response, should an extension of time be required, such extension is petitioned. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account Number 13-4500, Order No. 3097-4007. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3097-4007. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

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